

W. C. T. U. Column.



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Frances E. Willard.

It were useless to recount the virtues, the divinely unselfish deeds of the one we have assembled to do honor and reverence, if those virtues, those deeds, are not to be to us an inspiration—a spiritual dynamic energy, enkindling within us a holy longing and purpose to be imbued with the same lofty motives, and our lives directed by the same unselfish aims.

Our every expression of love and reverential remembrance of Frances E. Willard is but the involuntary prayer of the heart that our lives may be permeated and impelled by motives as Christ-like as those by which she was inspired and actuated. If we will earnestly strive to have that prayer sink so deep into our hearts that henceforth it will find practical embodiment in our life-impulse, our life-work, then the world will be made better for this informing influence, then, in the truest, broadest and completest sense, will our sainted Francis E. Willard still live and labor on earth.

From the testimony of those intimately associated with Miss Willard, from her public utterances, from the testimony of her daily life, we know how broad was her sympathy, how all-embracing her love for mankind. The wings of her soul were fettered by no creed or dogma, her hands bound by no sectarianism. Her great magnanimous heart went out to all the children of men of whatever faith, of whatever nationality, of whatever race, and to all her loving hands were extended to help. Not only temperance reform and its correlated subjects, but also industrial and economic reforms, found in her a sympathetic and earnest helper. She asked not what the religious faith, what the theological tenets of the leaders of these reforms. Her only inquiry was: "Are these reforms for the physical, intellectual and moral uplift of the race?"

In the character of Miss Willard, there was so much that was beautiful and noble, that words seem inadequate to express the eulogies the heart would utter. But transcending all other grand and beautiful characteristics, was that moral poise, that divinity of strength which enabled her to stand unspoiled, unchanged, by all the applause and honor so abundantly showered upon her. From the sunny South, from the frozen North, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from across the water, from the continents and isles of the sea were waited to her sweetest strains of loving admiration—peans chanting her matchless genius as a leader, her wonderful executive ability, her power of resource, and the marvelous charm of her personality. Wherever she moved the air around her was surcharged with reverential homage. But, amid all, she ever maintained the sweet, humble, child-like simplicity.

Reading the multitudinous eulogies which were bestowed upon Frances Willard by the press—both secular and religious,—noting the highest tributes of praise conferred upon her character and labor and the loving, tender words of appreciation, we are apt to think of her as one whose pathway was strewn with roses; this especially, after she became the leader in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. But organized as she was, out of earth's finest clay, with soul attuned to the most delicate vibrations of the intellectual and social atmosphere, and taking advance ground upon all radical measures, she was often pierced through and through by shafts of ridicule, prejudice, conservatism and frequently malignant antagonism. "Full many time and oft," she "trode the wine-press alone," and passed through Gethsemane.

Since human society is organized as it is, with the spirit of conservatism in the ascendancy, with the ever present tendency to cling to antiquated ideas and customs, it is utterly impossible to be a true radical reformer as was Miss Willard, without arousing prejudice and opposition, often bitter and hostile, and also encountering misrepresentation and malicious persecution.

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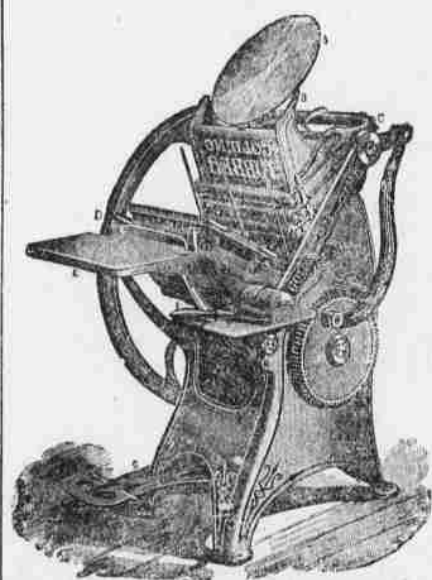
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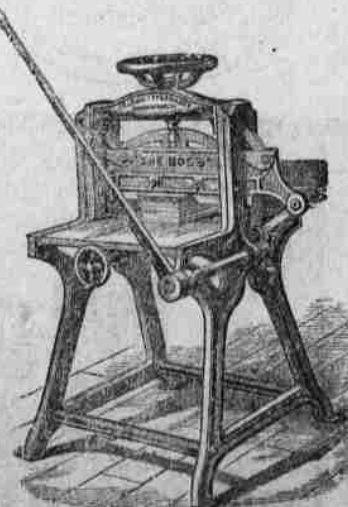
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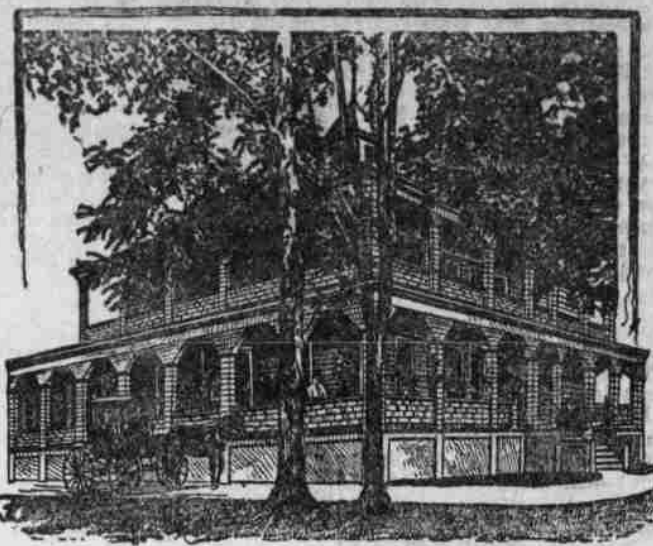
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